
Information Security Awareness

The 6 Cent Model: Securing Resources

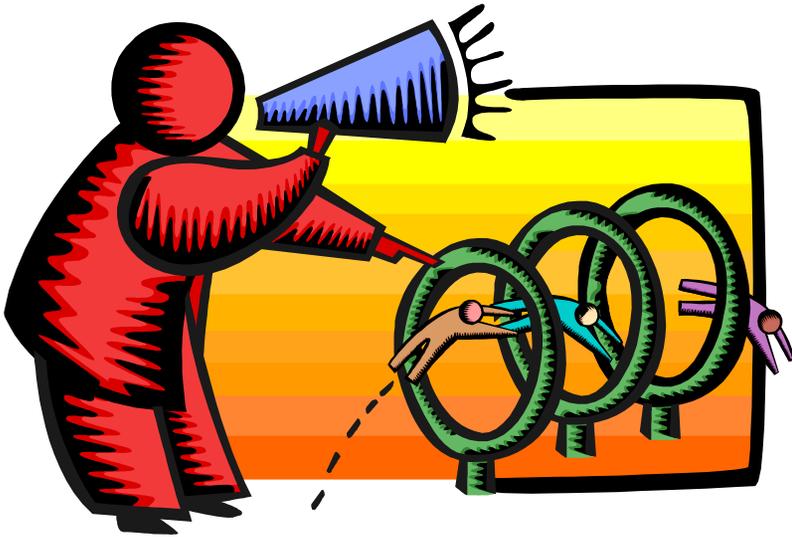
Joe Bower (908) 203-2760
joseph.bower@us.hsbc.com

The Six Cent Model: Agenda

- **Setting the Stage**
 - **Sizing the Opportunity**
 - **Message vs. Method**
 - **Meeting the Sponsor**
 - **Seizing the Opportunity**
 - **Summary**
 - **Questions**
-

Two Approaches

- Funding Based on Design
- Design Based on Funding



The Six Cent Model: Setting the Stage

- **Know Your Topic**
 - You're in Sales
 - Benefits of SA
 - **Know Your Audience**
 - For the sale
 - For the program
 - Funding level constrains both the audience and the offering
 - **Know The Methods**
 - Cost
 - Logistics
 - Benefits
 - **Know Your Purpose**
 - Define scope
 - Define objectives
 - Measured by . . .
 - Required by . . .
 - Partners
 - Risk of not providing
 - **Know Your Goal**
 - Get funded
 - At any level
 - Defined expectations
-

The Six Cent Model: Setting the Stage - Benefits of SA

- **Protect Organization**
 - **Assets**
 - **Reputation**
 - **Demonstrate strategic intent**
 - **Motivate staff**
 - **employees**
 - **vendors**
 - **consultants**
 - **Reduce cost and time to market**
 - **Tangible proof to customers**
 - **Due Diligence**
 - **Business advantage**
 - **Knowledge leads to actions**
 - **Specific knowledge for specific risks**
 - **Facilitate consistent disciplinary action**
 - **Improve consistency and effectiveness of current controls**
 - **Improve compliance to Standards**
 - **Improve compliance to regulatory and third party requirements**
-

The Six Cent Model: Sizing the Opportunity

Two perspectives

- **Low head count - total price**
 - **Large head count - unit price**
-

The Six Cent Model: Sizing the Opportunity

3. How many employees, consultants and interns are in your organization? (Choose one)

a. Less than 500



b. 501 to 1,000



c. 1,001 to 2,500



d. 2,501 to 5,000



e. More than 5,000



The Six Cent Model: Sizing the Opportunity

2. If you have an information security awareness program what is the cost per employee? (Choose One)

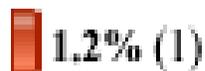
a. \$0 to \$50



b. \$51 to \$75



c. \$76 to \$100



d. More than \$100



e. N/A



f. Don't Know



The Six Cent Model: Sizing the Opportunity

Simple Formula:

Staff count X Days X \$ Cost = Funding (Yr/person)

$$300 \times 260 \times .25 = \$19,500 (\$65)$$

$$500 \times 260 \times .20 = \$ 26,000 (\$52)$$

$$1,000 \times 260 \times .10 = \$26,000 (\$26)$$

$$10,000 \times 260 \times .10 = \$260,000 (\$26)$$

$$55,000 \times 260 \times .06 = \$858,000 (\$15.60)$$

(exclusive of travel and head count)

The Six Cent Model: Message vs. Method



Message:

What you want to communicate



Method:

How you communicate



Decision:

Funding determines **HOW** you communicate, not what.



The Six Cent Model: Meeting The Sponsor

Make the Points Supporting Awareness:

- **Benefits of a program, and the risk of loss without a program**
 - **Required by law/regulators**
 - **Customer trust and satisfaction**
 - **Protects organizational reputation**
 - **Makes individuals responsible**
 - **Most critical step to improve information security**
 - **Best use of dollars**
 - **Demonstrates due-diligence by Management**
 - **Lack of funding demonstrates weak management commitment**
 - **Talk in terms that aligns the program with the executive's **Goals and Objectives****
-

The Six Cent Model: Meeting The Sponsor

Make the Points Supporting Awareness:

- Don't talk in terms that are important to you: talk in terms that are important to the sponsor!
 - Know your facts – cold!!!
 - Keep it simple and concise
 - Keep it non-technical
 - Be ready to pivot
 - Demonstrate value: show what you get for the money
 - Explain what the executive must do (besides funding)
 - See Rebecca Herold's book, *Managing an Information Security and Privacy Awareness and Training Program*, for help with meeting specifics.
 - Get the commitment! (details can follow)
-

The Six Cent Model: Seizing the Opportunity

- **Select the Methods**
 - Use multiple methods when possible
 - Same words, different presentations
 - **Adapt message to the Method**
 - Graphics, humor, real-life examples
 - **Repeat, repeat, repeat**
 - Spaced repetition is the best learning method
 - **Know how to measure effectiveness**
 - Mandatory preferred
 - Culture change over time
-

The Six Cent Model: Seizing the Opportunity

Access Control

Once inside a facility, HSBC protects information by following strict access control procedures to information systems and data assets.

- Never try to access a system for which you are not authorized.
- Follow department procedures for accessing a system.
- Never give anyone your logon ID and password combination.
- Managers must remove employees from an access list when their work no longer requires access.
- Your access authorizations may change as your job and tasks change.
- When you let someone in a secure area, verify that they have a right to enter the area.
- Keep secure areas secured!
- Do not prop open doors to secure areas.

Data Protection and Privacy

One of HSBC's greatest asset is information: about our business, our consumers, our customers, and our employees. Every employee must protect our information.

- Follow your department procedures for using information systems.
- Accept your responsibility for protecting information.
- Do not give out confidential information. Challenge the request.
- Participate in training courses such as the Anti-money Laundering (AML) course and the Security Awareness program.
- Read the Information Protection Standard (IPS) and know your role. Apply what you learn.
- Only send confidential information using secure transport methods; e.g. encrypted files, tamper proof envelopes.

Confidential Information

- Confidential Company Information includes business plans, partner information, unannounced financial results, organization charts, and network information.
- Confidential Customer Information includes name, address, taxpayer ID, account number and details, credit reports, application details, and personal information.
- Confidential Employee Information includes taxpayer ID, passwords, annual reviews, salary, health records, and any personal statements.

Note: See the IPS for more details.

- Follow the instructions in the Information Protection Agreement.
- Be sure to verify the identity of the person asking for information; e.g. Know Your Customer.
- Be sure the person asking for the information has the Need to Know and the Right to Know.

Passwords

- Never give your password to anyone: not your manager, not Information Security, not the Help Desk.
- If anyone asks for your password, report it as a Security Incident (see REACT section).
- If you write down your password, never write the whole password. Use a code as a memory jogger.
- Use strong passwords: one number, one lowercase and uppercase letter, and one special character.
- Passwords should be at least seven characters long.
- Different systems may have different password formats; e.g. length, usable characters, case sensitive.
- Never leave your password list in an obvious place: under your mouse pad or keyboard, taped to your monitor, on your wall, taped inside a drawer.
- HSBC systems remind you when it is time to change your password.

Workstation, PC, and Laptop Security

- Always lock your workstation when you leave: for breaks, for meetings, leave your desk area at the end of the workday.
- Always keep your data files backed up on a network drive
- When travelling, do not leave your laptop alone.
- In the hotel, keep the laptop out of sight when you leave the room.
- You must not use any personal computing device on HSBC premises.
- You must not use mass storage devices, such as CD-writers, thumb drives, or memory sticks, without specific written approval.
- Never log onto the network, and then let someone else use your PC. You are responsible for all actions when you log onto a PC or workstation.
- You must not add personal software to your PC or workstation. This includes graphics for screen savers.

Virus Protection and Management

A computer virus, worm, or trojan is a file that can cripple your workstation and the HSBC network. HSBC has a number of protections in place to minimize the likelihood of a virus entering our network. You, the user, also have responsibilities to help protect our computing resources.

- Never tamper with your anti-virus software settings.
- Never download freeware, shareware, or other programs from the Internet.
- Never load personal software onto your HSBC computer.
- Never open an e-mail attachment from someone that you do not know.

If you think you have a virus or other problem, call the Help Desk to report it.

The Six Cent Model: Seizing the Opportunity

MOTIVATE OTHERS

- Deliver an effective security motivation program to support the HSBC continuing awareness effort.
- Provide feedback to your staff so that they know when security is improving. Feedback improves compliance and performance.
- Share security measures with your staff. Sharing performance metrics lets your staff know how they are performing and increases program buy-in.
- Encourage specific employees to take on public responsibility for information security within their work groups.
- Tier recognition and recognize ongoing compliance. A goal of security is to sustain normal operations.
- Provide immediate awards and favorable performance reviews to those who consistently comply with security requirements. Immediate recognition has a greater impact. Unexpected recognition is more appreciated. Recognizing ongoing security compliance raises the level of compliance.
- Give tangible awards. Reward with give-away items such as coffee cups, or framed certificates, lunch/dinner certificates, time off, or increased training opportunities.
- Publicize awards. Publicize and reward high training attendance rates.
- Let staff know that security compliance is expected and appreciated.
- Let senior management know when their staff are exceeding expectations.
- Make security a part of every employees' job performance. Let your staff know that following good security practices aids in career advancement.

- 2 -

- Put commendations in personnel files of those with exemplary security behaviors.
- Establish performance metrics. Include measures that allow you to identify abrupt workflow changes (e.g., work errors increase).
- Ensure that your staff has completed awareness training within established time frames.
- Publicize both the carrots and sticks to the point where getting a carrot is something to be sought after and getting a stick is something to be ashamed of. Create pride in good security awareness.

RECOGNIZE AND RESPOND TO POOR SECURITY BEHAVIORS

- Prosecute those who compromise customer data. Your willingness to take legal action to protect customer data increases security's importance.
- Provide training to those who unintentionally fail to comply. The willingness to provide training shows that security is important and that procedures are reasonable.
- Quickly remove those who put customer data at risk from positions of trust. Removing individuals who threaten security lets staff know that actions have consequences and improves compliance.
- Avoid recognizing security performance only after a security failure.
- Publicize sanctions for poor security behaviors. Promote the perception that individuals who compromise customer data will be admonished. This improves compliance and reduces customer complaints.
- Treat failure to act responsibly as a serious matter. Convey clear and meaningful sanctions for failing to act when a security violation is observed to all staff.

- 3 -

- Discuss security failures in staff meetings and request mitigation approaches. Staff buy-in to solutions increases compliance.
- Use sanitized versions of security failure scenarios in training.
- Use behavior correction techniques for minor failures. For example, require remedial training, place staff on probation with increased monitoring, or place a letter in the worker's personnel file.
- Monitor compliance of high- and low- status individuals more closely. Work with these people if the present security culture is poor.
- Use rapid termination for significant or repeated failures. Immediate removal from a trusted position demonstrates concern for protection of customer data and corporate assets.

INCIDENT PREVENTION AND RESPONSE

- Identify the systems needed to support your business functions. Decide what needs to be protected and focus on security measures (e.g., customer data has high priority).
- Document the business workflow to facilitate identification of abnormal activity.
- Establish Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for your business functions.
- Use corporate checklists to avoid overlooking critical areas of concern.
- Schedule internal and third party audits of systems and procedures (looking toward improving compliance, not fault-finding).
- Ensure that you have effective separation of duties or increase oversight when effective separation is not possible.
- Establish a procedure for review of abnormal activity for possible security impact.

- 4 -

The Six Cent Model: Summary

- **Know WHAT to communicate**
 - **Know HOW to communicate**
 - **Define audience**
 - Awareness vs. training vs. education
 - **Determine preferred funding level**
 - **Build the business case**
 - Allies
 - Existing programs (e.g. HR, Training)
 - Know the benefits
 - **Make the **Sale** and get funded**
 - **Allocate resources to most-effective methods**
 - **Know how to measure and track effectiveness**
-

**Awareness without Action
is worse than
Ignorance!**

